

# INVITATION

## Prisons of the Future

*Final working conference*

The Hague, 2-4 March 2016



The *Prisons of the Future* project started in April 2014. Project leader is the Dutch Custodial Institutions Agency. During the project implementation scientists, policy makers and expert-practitioners from the prison systems of various countries shared their visions about the future of corrections.

What are the kind of prisons we need in the future? Can we even imagine a future without prisons? Which new alternatives to detention can we imagine? How can prisons of the future balance different principles, such as isolation from society, restoration, public safety, and re-integration into society? Which innovations influence the prison & probation services as well as the penal system? How can our new prisons or new alternatives take into account needs of offenders as well as needs of citizens?

During the final working conference of the ***Prisons of the Future*** project we like to discuss these and many other issues with you. We want to explore different options and discuss why and how they can be used in practice.

If you are interested in these topics and you can contribute to discussions on these issues, please register for our final working conference!

The working conference is part of the European Union funded project *Prisons of the Future*. Besides the Netherlands, the Prison (and Probation) Services of Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Belgium were project partners. Next to that an expert committee consisting of Alison Lieblich (UK), Eric Maes (Belgium) and Bas Vogelvang (the Netherlands) worked on the project.

Also, the Confederation of European Probation (CEP) and the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EuroPris) supported the project.

The project aims:

- to get insight into alternatives to regular imprisonment in different countries
- to assess cross-national alternatives to regular imprisonment
- to search the possibilities for implementing innovative prison options for the future

In the past two years our team has elaborated a number of ideas and approaches. During the conference we like to share and discuss this with you. Together with the conference participants, we want to develop a toolkit of innovative (non) prison options.

If you want to participate in the conference, please apply through [this link bit.ly/1ndrK4i](https://bit.ly/1ndrK4i). There is room for 50 participants from European Prison Services, a maximum of two per country. If you are invited to join the conference, your (economy class) ticket will be paid up to a maximum of 300 Euro. The hotel costs for 2 nights will be fully covered by the project.



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